Military Police In Combat

MCWP 3-34.1

“Military Police in Support of the MAGTF”

Learning Objectives

- Class Learning Objectives:
  - Military Police Modules of Support.
  - Military Police Mission Capabilities.
  - Military Police Objectives.
  - Command and Control.
  - Organizational Structure and Organic equipment
- Reference:
  - MCWP 3-34.1 *" Military Police In Support Of The MAGTF"*.
  - T/O & T/E for Military Police.

"As the world population grows… (and) national boundaries become less distinct…the demand for MP skills will increase."

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"MP in support of the MAGTF"

Military Police Modules of Support

- The doctrinal support provided by the Military Police to the MAGTF is situation dependent.
- As a guide, the following apply:
  - MP Platoon (1/40) supports a MEU:
    - Reach back capability.
  - MP Company (5/162) supports a MEB.
  - MP Battalion (23/567) supports a MEF.

Military Police Mission Capabilities

- Support to Antiterrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) Operations.
- Combat Missions:
  - Maneuver and Mobility Support Operations (MMSO).
  - Area Security Operations (ASO).
  - Law and Order Operations.
  - Internment Operations.

Support to AT/FP Operations

- AT/FP advisement to the MAGTF Commander.
  - Vulnerability Assessments:
    - Advise on Vulnerability to terrorist attacks.
    - Advise on measures to be taken IOT increase Force Protection posture.
  - Training Cadre:
    - Antiterrorism training.
    - Non Lethal Weapons Training.

Maneuver and Mobility Support Operations (MMSO)

- Route Reconnaissance and Surveillance:
  - Establish primary and alternate routes in conjunction with the LMCC.
  - ID restricting terrain.
  - ID and report affects of weather on routes.
  - Damage to routes.
  - Enemy presence.

MMSO (cont)

- Main Supply Route (MSR) Regulation and Enforcement:
  - Enforce MAGTF Commander's regulations.
  - IOT expedite traffic, MP use:
    - Patrolling (mounted).
    - Traffic Control Points (TCP).
    - Roadblocks.
    - Checkpoints.
    - Temporary Route Sign.
    - Support to River Crossing/Passage of Lines

MMSO (cont)

- Area Damage Control:
  - Secure areas before, during and after hostile actions or natural and manmade disasters.
- Information Collecting, Reporting, and Dissemination:
  - MP continuously collect information from:
    - Military personnel.
    - MSR users.
    - Local populace.
    - HN law enforcement agencies (HN LEA) (in coordination with NCIS).
  - Assist in developing IPB.

Area Security Operations (ASO)

- Secure and Protect Lines of Communication (LOC).
- Coordinate security for Designated Critical Assets:
  - Airfields/Expeditionary Airfields (EAF).
  - Forward Arming and Refueling Points (FARPs).
  - Combat Service Support Areas (CSSA).
  - MSR & Area Security:
    - Monitor likely enemy approaches.
    - NBC detection.
  - Disseminate physical security and threat advisories for base and installation defense.
  - Assist in coverage of Named Areas of Interest (NAI).

ASO (cont)

- Assist in security of Critical Assets through the use of:
  - Mounted and Dismounted patrols.
  - Military Working Dogs (MWD):
    - Explosive Detector Dogs (EDD).
    - Patrol Dogs.
  - Provide Training.
- MP are most useful when kept mobile.

Law and Order Operations

- Law and Order Operations are conducted continuously IOT provide a lawful and orderly environment:
  - Enforce Laws IOT ensure good order and discipline.
  - Conduct Criminal and Traffic Accident Investigations.
  - Control Civilian Populace and Resources.
  - Support Customs Operations.

Law and Order Operations (cont)

- Military Police Information Operations (MPIO):
  - Consist of those measures to Collect, Analyze and Disseminate information that result from criminal activities and incidents that disrupt law and order.
  - Information is used to redirect mounted/dismounted patrols and MWD teams to affected areas.
  - Information will be co-used by MAGTF G-2 and CI.
- MP also use this information to support the Commander's human intelligence (HUMINT) Collection Plan.

Internment Operations

- MP provide the Commander with the ability to collect, process, guard, protect, account for, and transfer enemy prisoners of war (EPW), Retained Persons (RP), and civilian internees (CI):
  - Refugees, Dislocated Persons, and Straggler Control.
- US Military Prisoners.
- These operations are manpower extensive and may require augment’s from MSCs .

Objectives

- Combat:
  - MP Conduct Combat Operations IOT keep MSR/LOCs open.
  - MP are a response force for LEVEL I and II threats in the RAO:
    - Assist in defeating rear area threats thus allowing the MAGTF commanders sustainment of forces.

Objectives (cont)

- Combat Support:
  - MP provide combat support IOT facilitate the movement of GCE forces and supplies to main battle area.
  - Route Recon, MSR regulations, and straggler control assist MAGTF commander in the rapid movement of his forces.

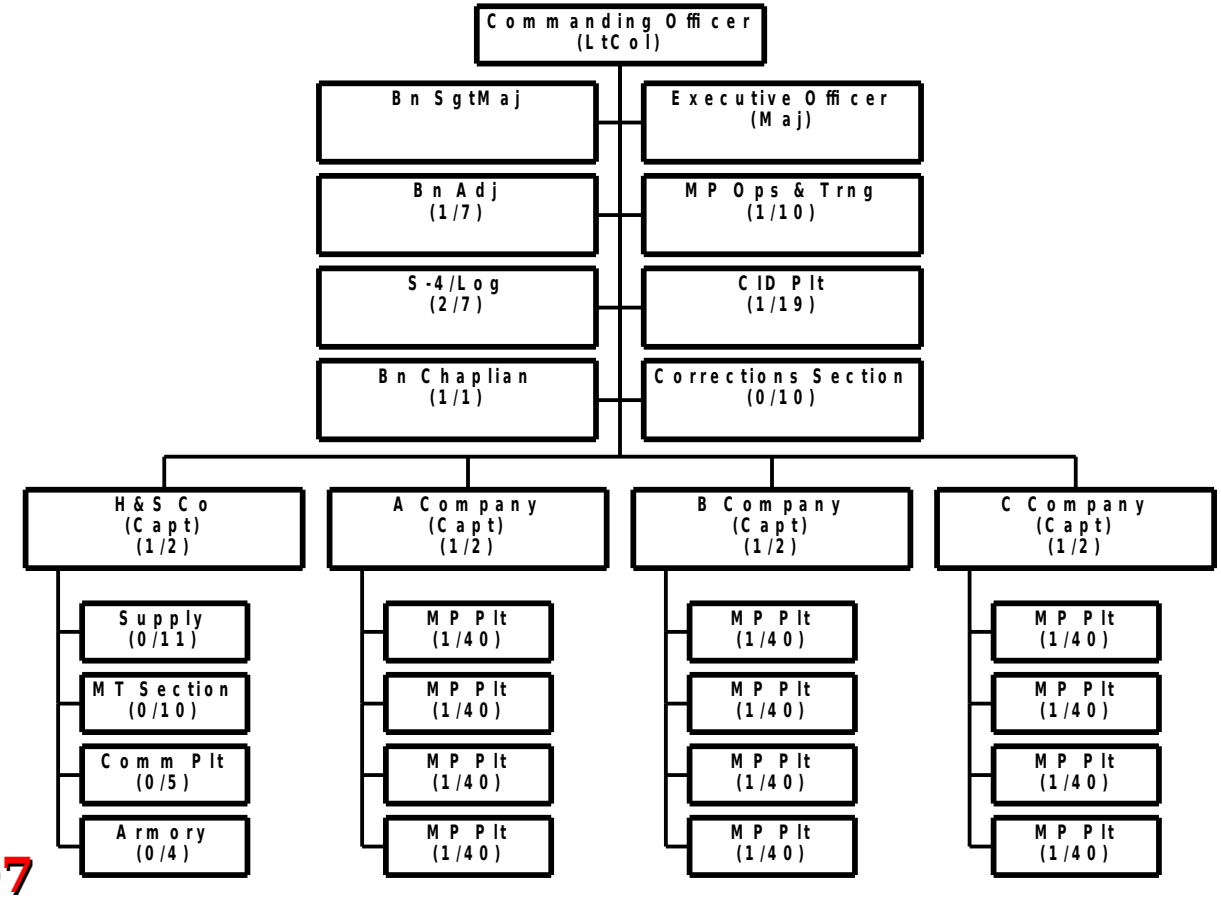
Objectives (cont)

- Combat Service Support:
  - MP Conduct Combat Service Support Operations IOT assist CSSE efforts to provide sustainment to the MAGTF.
  - MMSO and ASO are instrumental to the success of the CSSE.

Command and Control

- MAGTF Commander designates a MAGTF Provost Marshal under the G-3:
  - Senior MP Officer in A/O:
    - MEF PM/MPBn CO when Bn supports a MEF.
    - MPCo CO when Co supports a MEB.
    - MPPlt CO when Plt supports a MEU.
  - Coordinates all MP Operations, law enforcement and EPW/CI matters, and advises the MAGTF Commander on AT/FP measures (In concert with the MEU FPO, who is also a MP Captain).
  - Centralized Control/Decentralized Execution:
    - Most preferred type of control/coordination.

MPBn Organization



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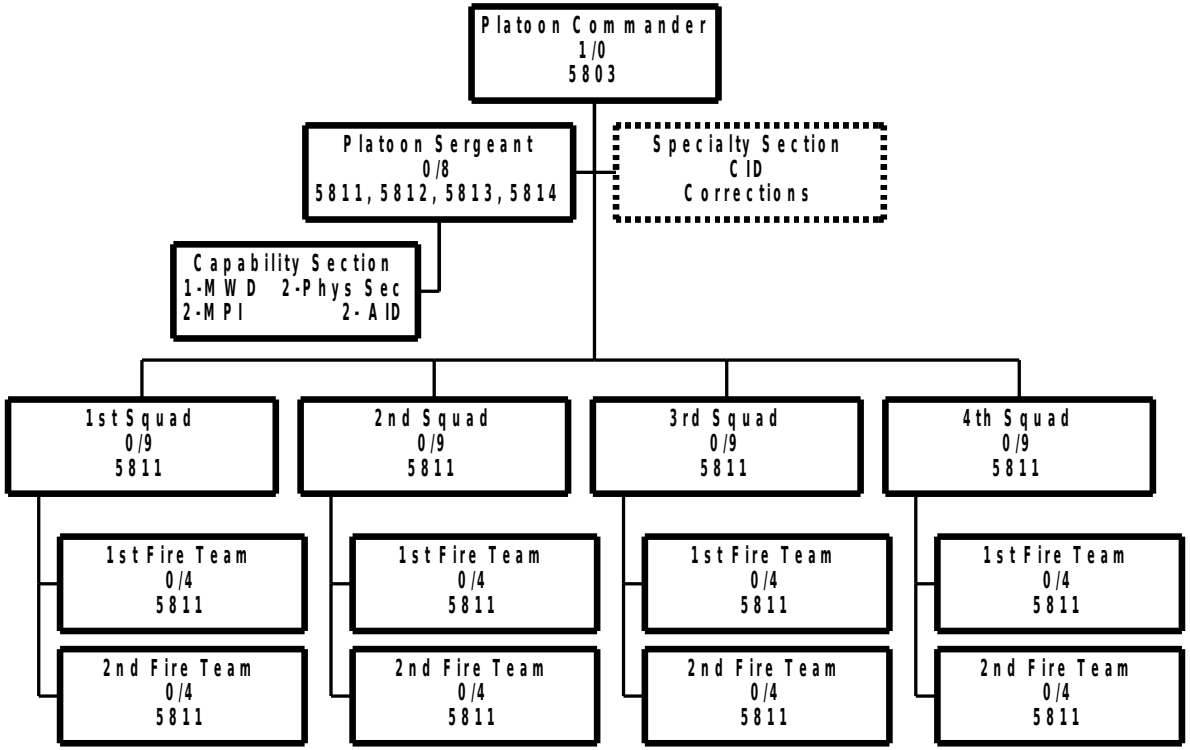
MP Platoon Organization



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Organic Equipment

- Military Police Capabilities require:
  - Mobility.
  - Fire Power.
  - Communication.
- MP Platoon (base module of support) has:
  - 9 M 1043A2 (Hard Back HMMWVs).
  - 4 MK-19.
  - 4 M-2.
  - Communication Gear:
    - 1-MRC 145 (mission dependent).
    - VRC 88D
    - PRC-119

MP Overview

- MP provides flexibility to the Marine Air Ground Task Force.
- MP provide the MAGTF CMDR with a certified, versatile ready force.
  - Operational Flexibility.
  - Organized for multiple capabilities.
  - Inherent force protection.
  - Single resource manager.

Scenerio:
Amphibious Assault

Prior to D-DAY

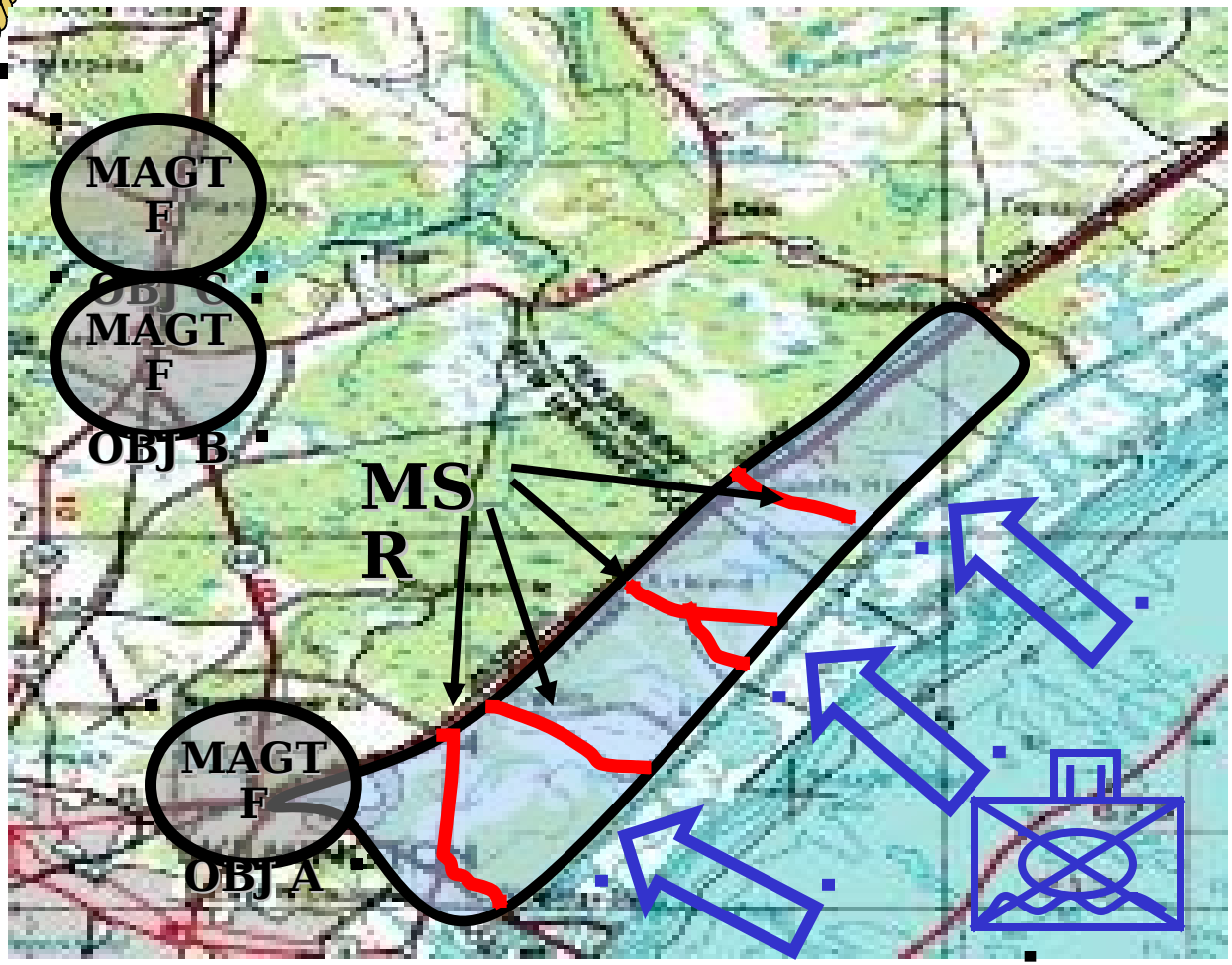
- Combat/Combat Support/Combat Service Support.
  - MP Cmdr. participates in development of OPORD to maximize MAGTF MP assets.
- Support to AT/FP Ops:
  - MP Advises commander on AT/FP issue.
  - Train Marines in Non Lethal Weapons.
- Law and Order Ops:
  - Collect, analyze, and disseminate criminal intelligence (CRIMINT):
    - NCIS/CID.
    - Assist in the IPB.
  - Promote LOC between MAGTF HQ and HN LEA.

Prior to D-Day

D-Day/H-Hour +1

- MMSO:
  - Traffic Control Points.
  - Traffic Flow Off Beach Head.
  - Forward recon of MSR.
- ASO:
  - Straggler control.
- Law and Order Ops:
  - Liaison with HN LEA
    - Gathering CRIMINT/HUMINT.
  - Port Security* .
  - Law Enforcement.

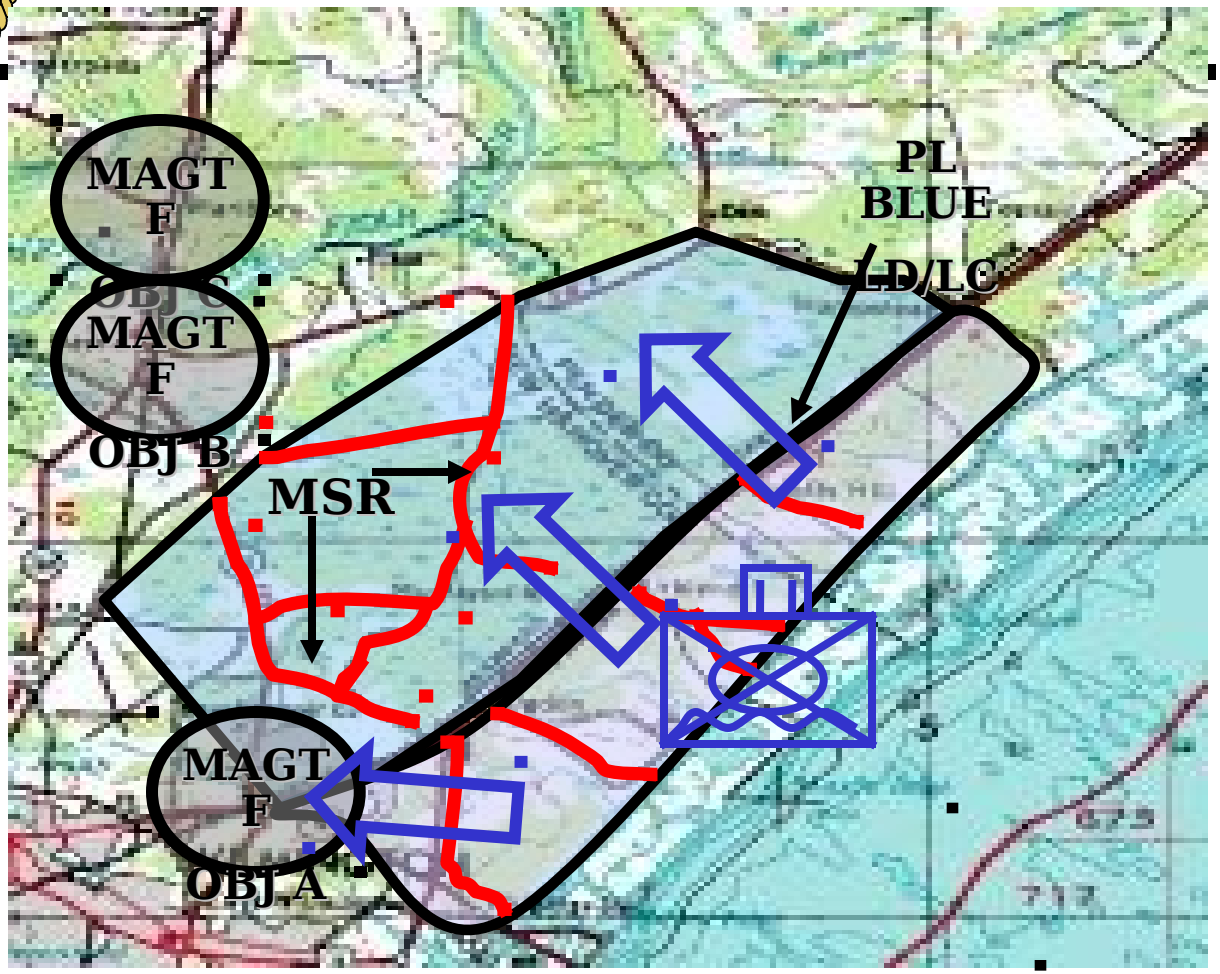
D-Day/H-Hour +1



D-Day +1

- MMSO:
  - Passage of Lines Security (PL BLUE).
  - MSR Recon.
- ASO:
  - MSR Security:
    - NBC Detection.
    - Refugee/Straggler control :
      - NL Weapons Employment.
      - Gathering HUMINT/CRIMINT.
  - Convoy Security.
- Law and Order Ops:
  - Law Enforcement.

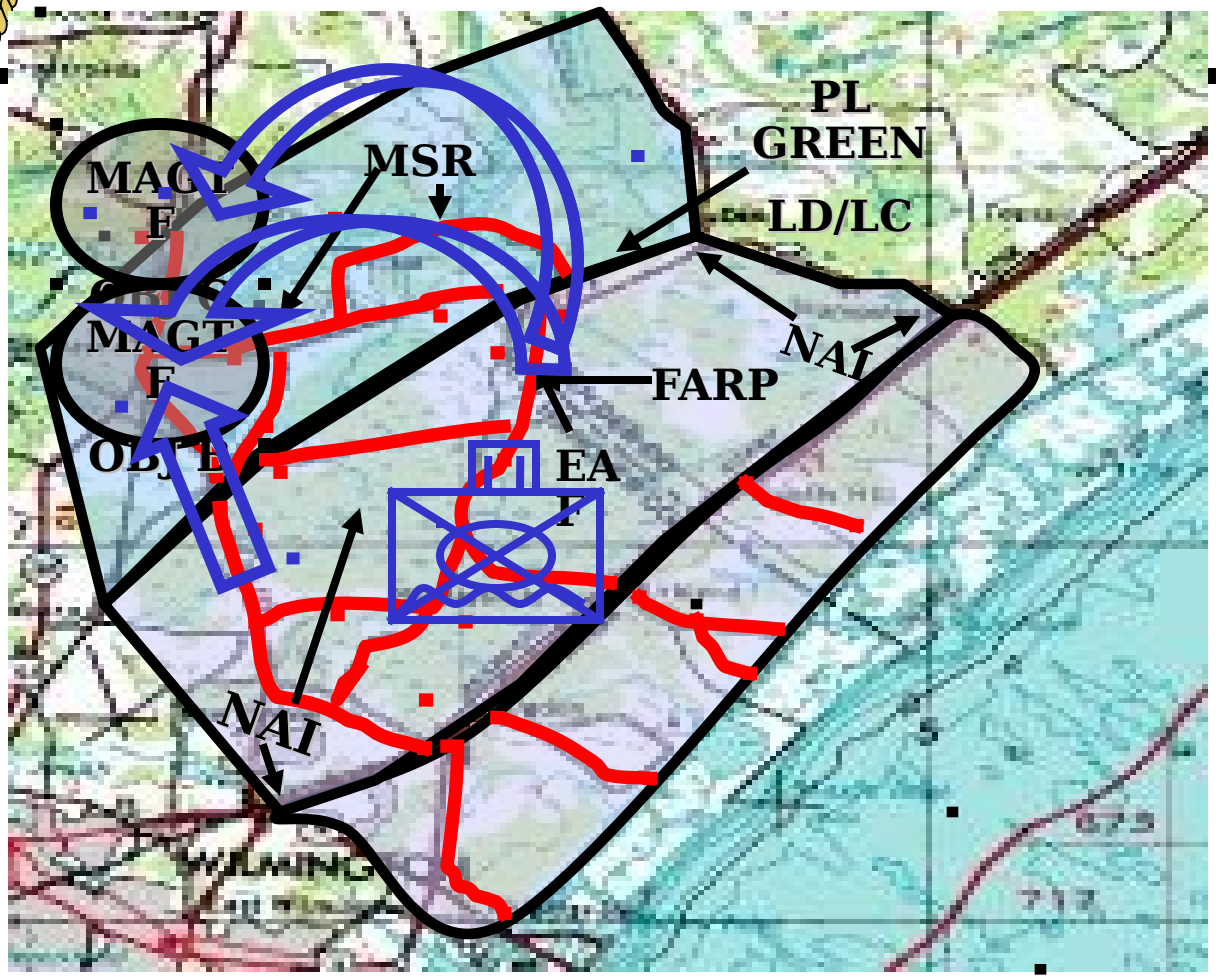
D-Day +1



D-Day + 2

- ASO:
  - EAF/FARP Security.
  - Rear Area Combat Operations:
    - Level I & II Threats:
      - Terrorists.
      - Local Partisans/Guerrillas.
  - MSR Security.
  - NAI.
- MMSO:
  - Passage of Lines (PL GREEN).
- Internment Ops:
  - EPW, Refugee, Civilian Internee Control:
    - CRIMINT/HUMINT.
- Law and Order Ops:
  - Law Enforcement.

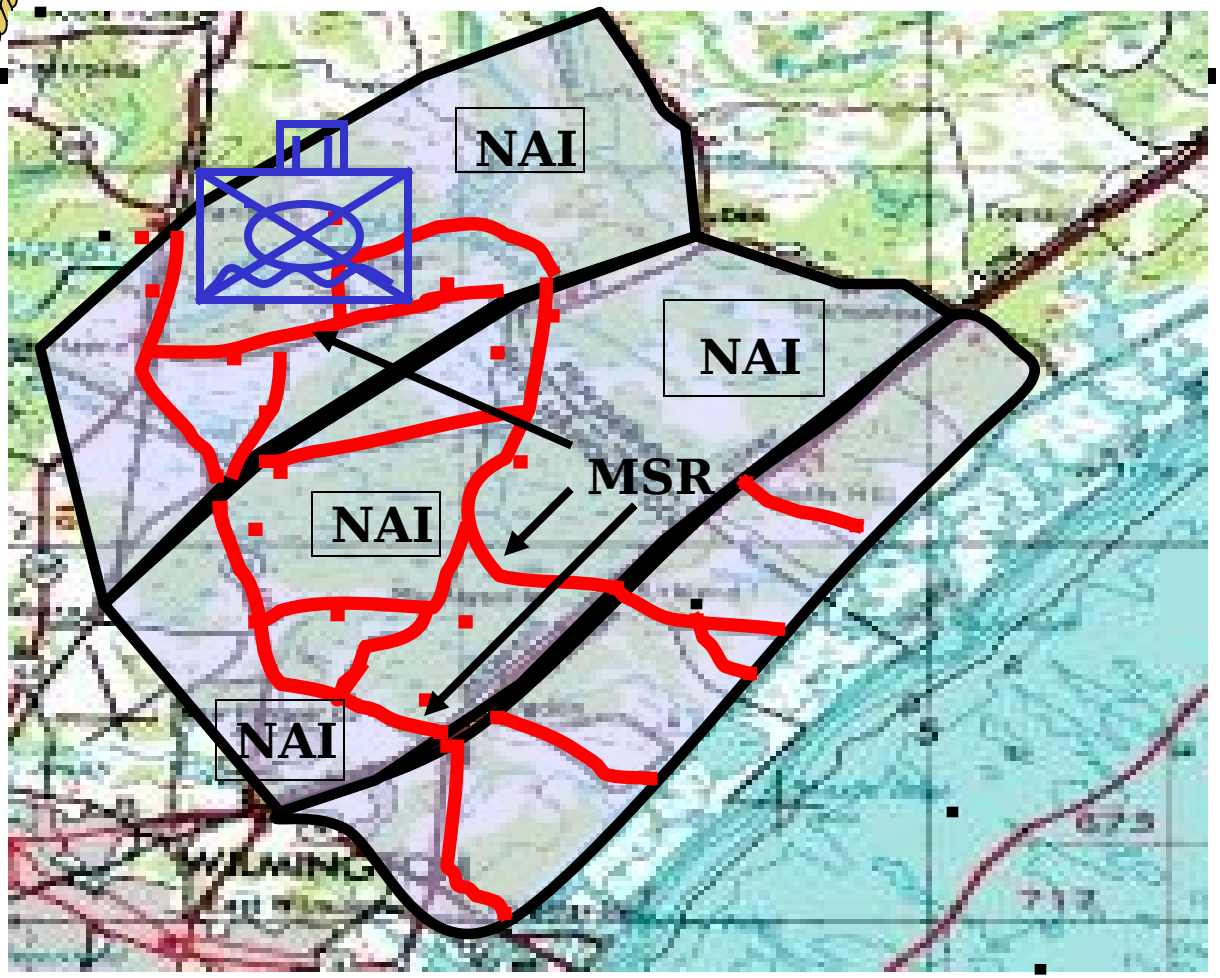
D-Day +2



D-Day +3

- Internment Ops:
  - EPW Processing.
- ASO:
  - Security of Critical Assets:
    - NAI.
  - Rear Area Security:
    - EAF/FARP.
    - Level I & II Threats.
  - MSR Security.
- MMSO:
  - Area Damage Control.
- Law and Order Ops:
  - Law Enforcement.
  - Customs Operations.

D-Day +3



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